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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BAVARIA
PROPERTY DIVISION
RESTITUTION BRANCH MFA&A SECTION
MUNICH GERMANY APO 407-A US ARMY DP/bk

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SUBJECT : Claim for a collection of rare books of Mr. Maurice
E Kaufmann

TO : Office of Military Government for Greater Hesse,
Property Division, Restitution Branch, Monuments,
Fine Arts and Archives Section, APO 633, US Army

1. Attached herewith is a claim for a collection of rare
books, belonging to Mr. Maurice E Kaufmann, an American Citizen.

2. It is requested that a check be made at the Offenbach
Archival Depot, whether any of the listed books can be located
there. None of them could be found at the Central Collecting
Point, Munich.

FOR THE LAND DIRECTOR:

Stephan P. Munsing

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1 Incl.
1 claim

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1. Nachprüfung der Bücher in Ernst Kaufmann'scher
Verhandlung.
2. Titel in der Verhandlung

Ernst Kaufmann USA

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Maurice E. Kaufmann
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September 16, 1948

To the Office of Military Government of Bavaria
Economic Division, Restitution Branch,
Central Collecting Point, A. P. O. 407 c/o Re: Books sei-
Postmaster New York, N.Y., sed by the
Gestapo

Gentlemen:

May I ask for your kind assistance regarding a collection of Rare books. They were common property of my brother Dr. Emil Kaufmann and myself and were left in the custody of the rare book dealer Felix Grafe and his wife Elisabeth, both Vienna, Neudeggergasse 7 when we emigrated in 1940. The collection was seized by the Gestapo, Vienna in or about 1942 at the time when Felix Grafe was indicted, tried by the Volksgerichtshof and executed for his Anti-Nazi activities. Elisabeth Grafe passed on to me a rather vague information given to her by the Gestapo that the books were sent to a place somewhere in Germany. As a matter of fact, neither the Austrian "Ministerium für Vermögenssicherung und Wirtschaftsplanung" nor the National Library (Nationalbibliothek) nor the "Dorotheum" Vienna, were able to locate the books. From the list given below it will be seen that the books were very early prints, item No 1, Waldseemüller, a precious incunabulum, worth about \$ 1.100 and the total value of the set may amount to \$ 2.000 or \$ 2.500.

My brother and I are citizens of the U.S.A. and residents there in since 1940.

I wish to thank you for everything you will able to do in our behalf.

Yours sincerely

Unterschrift: Maurice Kaufmann

Books of Dr. Maurice and Dr. Emil Kaufmann:

- 1.) Waldseemüller, Martin (Hylacomylus), and Ringmann, Philesius "Instructio--in cartam itinerariam Martini Hilacomili...cum. enarratione a Ringmanno Philesio conscripta." Argentotari (Strassburg) Grueninger, 1511. (J. Sabin, Bibliotheca Americana, vol. XXVII, Nr. 101025).
- 2.) "Schmid, Johannes." "Summa Strologiae." Ed. Santritter, Venedig 1489
- 3.) Balthasar de Porta. "Conclusiones contra ... Bohemorum errores." Ed. Boettiger, Leipzig.
- 4.) "Objectiones in dicta Thalmut." Ed. Winterburger, Wien.
- 5.) Wimpelius, Jacob. "Adolexcentia" Ed. Flach, Strassburg, 1500

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- 6.) Samuel Rabbi. "Epistola contra Judaeorum errores." Ed. Hochfeder, Metz, 1498 (?)
- 7.) Camoccio, Gianfranco, "Isola famosa" Libr. del Segno di San Marco. (1571) Parchmentbound.
- 8.) Ravenscroft E. "Titus Andronicus" Altered from ...Shakespeare. Kindmarsh (London) 1687 (?). Green morocco leather.
- 9.) Marcelle Benedetto, "Il Teatro alla moda" Ed. Aldiviva Licante, Venice 1722, Parchmentbound.
- 10.) Hepplewhite & Co. "Cabinetmaker".
- 11.) Lactantius

Unfortunately we have no notes regarding 10.) and 11.) They were bought just before leaving.

gez. Maurice Kaufmann

Maurice Kaufmann USA